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Very hot July and combined with hormone treatment I'm still on, my energy level has really been stifled. But I'm still planning to get back to all our Leadership schools in Rhode Island and nearby Massachusetts this coming school year. I'd love to visit our schools in Nicaragua and Kenya but I never was one much for traveling and I'll likely leave those visitations to my children and grandchildren.

The addition of the Southwick Zoo and Mystic Aquarium to our Jr. Scholar cards has been a big attraction. Mystic Aquarium has reported over 2000 Jr. Scholars and their guests using that card for free admissions in just the past few months. Since the usual cost is almost \$50.00 for a couple, that alone has been big saving to our Jr. Scholars and their families.

Roy Bye, the manager of Carousel Village, has told me that many parents have expressed to him how grateful they are for that Jr. Scholar card as it enables them and their children to go many places they could not otherwise afford. He says that thousands of our Jr. Scholars have visited the Carousel with their Jr. Scholar cards since I put him on the card about three years ago.

I'm getting ready to order Jr. Scholars cards for the upcoming year. Last year I ordered over 50,000 cards and I only have 280 remaining...

I'm now running into parents of some of our younger Jr. Scholars who remember being Jr. Scholars themselves 15 or more years ago...

I made an impromptu visit to three local churches last Sunday. Was nicely greeted. The Bishop at one of them asked me to address the congregation.

I had lunch with Sergie Khrushchev the other afternoon. He is the son of Nikita Khrushchev the Premier of the Soviet Union from 1958 to 1964. He looks and sounds just like his father, as I remember him from that time.

Our country – and the stock market – are really sliding downhill. A block of Senators are dead set against any tax increases on the rich while our debt grows and our middle class and the poor get poorer, as our country's prestige and standing shudders and drops. What a shame!...

As ever,
Alan Shawn Feinstein